

REMARKS

Claims 3 – 8, 10, 12, 15 and 20 – 26 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 – 2, 9, 11, 13 – 14 and 16 – 19 have been cancelled. Claims 3 – 4, 6 – 8 and 10 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 12. New claims 20 – 26 depend from allowed claim 15. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 12 and 15 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 3–8, 10, 13, and 19 were rejected in the Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4, 963,151 to Ducheyne et al.

Claims 13 and 19 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

Claims 3 – 8 and 10 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 12. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application only includes allowed claims and claims depending therefrom, namely, claims 3 – 8, 10, 12, 15 and 20 – 26 and is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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